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SUBJ: IRANIAN-IRAQI RELATIONS

1. DURING MEETING WITH COURT MINISTER HOVEYDA
AUGUST 31, I ASKED WHETHER THE SHARIF-EMAMI GOVT
TURLY INTENDED (AS INFERRED BY THE PRESS) TO SEND
AN ENVOY TO IRAQ TO NEGOTIATE WITH AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI.

2. HOVEYDA SAID THERE WAS NO SUCH INTENTION BECAUSE
THE SHAH CONSIDERS KHOMEINI A "MADMAN." HOWEVER, A
DELEGATION WOULD GO TO BAGHDAD TO DISCUSS WITH THE
IRAQI GOVT THOSE ACTIONS WHICH IRAQ MIGHT BE PREPARED
TO TAKE TO NEUTRALIZE KHOMEINI. HOVEYDA OFFERED AS AN
ASIDE HIS VIEW THAT BAGHDAD DID NOT WISH TO DESTABILIZE
IRAN.

3. I AM MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER SHARIF-EMAMI ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, AND WILL PURSUE THIS SUBJECT
FURTHER WITH HIM AT THAT TIME.

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